

September 14, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Gary Brown, Chairman, Tempe

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, September 21, 1999 - 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Johnson or Chris Voigt at 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or ten people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of August 24, 1999, Meeting Minutes</u>	2. Review and approve August 24, 1999 meeting minutes.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.	

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| <p>4. <u>Transportation Manager's Report</u></p> <p>Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.</p> | <p>4. For information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p> | <p>5. For information, discussion and possible action.</p> |

CONSENT AGENDA

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| <p>*6. <u>Requests for Projects for MAG Federal and Regional Funds for Inclusion in the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program</u></p> <p>As previously reported to the TRC, requests for projects for MAG Federal and other regional funds for inclusion in the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program are due to MAG by September 24, 1999. Copies of the application forms and a description of the process have been mailed to members of the TRC, the Management Committee and Technical Advisory Committees. This includes requests for all modes such as Streets, Freeways, Bikes, Pedestrians, Transit, Telecommunications, Transportation Demand Management, Safety and Air Quality. Fund Types include ADOT funds, MAG STP and CMAQ and 5307 and 5309 Transit funds.</p> | <p>6. For information, discussion and possible action.</p> |
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ITEMS TO BE HEARD

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| <p>7. <u>Report on the MAG Freeway Program</u></p> <p>MAG Freeway Program Management will address issues related to the Freeway Life Cycle Program.</p> | <p>7. For information and discussion.</p> |
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8. Update on Transportation Funding Estimate

In April, the Arizona Department of Transportation met with transportation officials from throughout Arizona to agree on a new set of guiding principles for Arizona's transportation planning and programming process. A key recommendation from this discussion was the formation of a Resource Allocation Advisory Committee (RAAC). The RAAC has representatives from ADOT, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and rural Councils of Governments. The purpose of this committee is to annually recommend estimates for the distribution of future state and federal revenues.

9. Funding for Median Cable Barriers on the MAG Freeway System

At the last meeting, TRC recommended that all cable median barriers be implemented with MAG freeway funds on all new MAG freeways that are currently under construction and are planned for completion as part of the accelerated program for a total cost of \$8.6 million. The Committee also directed ADOT and MAG to explore if STP safety funds or Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) funds could be utilized to retrofit existing MAG freeways with cable median barriers. On September 7, 1999, MAG staff met with ADOT and FHWA to explore this issue. ADOT has submitted an application to FHWA seeking approval to use HES funds for installing median barriers on all existing freeways in the region (including both RARF and Non-RARF freeways that currently do not have median barriers). FHWA is reviewing this application and will provide a response to ADOT on a determination if the application is approved. FHWA has recommended that the 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program be amended to

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9. For information, discussion and possible action to fund median cable barriers for new freeways (including new freeways under construction) with MAG freeway funds, and to fund median cable barriers on existing freeways from ADOT Federal safety funds. Also, to amend the 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the following median cable barrier projects in FY 2000 with ADOT HES funding: (1) Agua Fria from Northern Avenue to I-17 (\$2.75 million), (2) I-10 from Dysart Road to Stake (I-17) & 7th Street to I-17 (\$2.79 million), (3) Pima from Shea Blvd. To Salt River (\$1.81 million), (4) Price from Loop 202 to Guadalupe Road (\$0.76 million), (5) Red Mountain from Loop 101 to Country Club Road (\$0.67 million), (6) Squaw Peak from Glendale Avenue to Bell Road (\$1.34 million), (7) Superstition from Signal Butte Road to Mountain View Road (\$1.00 million).

enable quick implementation of median barriers.

ADOT receives approximately \$10 million per year in STP Safety Funds. In FY 2004, \$20.4 million in safety funds are available, while programmed safety projects total \$8.6 million. The total amount of funds needed to complete median cable barriers on the existing system is \$11.1 million.

10. Advance Acquisition for a Parcel on South Mountain Parkway

In August, the TRC referred to the MAG Right-of-Way Stakeholders a Red Letter Notification concerning a planned subdivision in the alignment of the South Mountain Parkway in the vicinity of 59th Avenue and Broadway Road. On September 20th, the MAG Right-of-Way Stakeholders will consider this notification. MAG staff will report on the deliberations of the Stakeholders.

The parcel is 154 acres with approximately 24 acres in the freeway alignment. The approved plat includes 148 housing units in the freeway right-of-way. This section of the South Mountain Parkway between Baseline Road and the Papago Freeway is not included in the ADOT Life Cycle Program to be completed by 2007. However, it is part of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan to be completed in the 2008-2019 time frame.

In accord, with Regional Council procedures this Red Letter Notification was included on the Consent Agendas of the Transportation Review Committee (TRC), the Management Committee and the Regional Council for discussion and information only. The City of Phoenix has requested that this Red Letter Notification

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be considered for action.

11. Discussion of Assumptions for the Development of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan

With the recent acceleration of the MAG Freeway Program now underway, a major transportation milestone for this region will be achieved. Our next challenge is to look into the future and determine how we address our mobility and air quality challenges. In past Regional Council meetings we have discussed the extent to which some facilities should be widened and how we should address improving transit service. If planning assumptions are provided at the policy level, this can be used to develop future plans. This is important due to expected new funding being recommended by the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force. It is anticipated that in approximately one year the Task Force will make recommendations to the Legislature that may lead to a statewide vote on future transportation funding. A general discussion of planning assumptions by the TRC is requested.

12. Air Quality Evaluation for CMAQ Request

On August 20, 1999, FHWA transmitted new guidance for the CMAQ program developed in response to the reauthorization of TEA-21. The guidance requires a quantitative assessment of how proposed projects are expected to reduce emissions. FHWA has indicated that the quantitative analysis should be furnished for proposed CMAQ projects starting with FY 2000. The analysis will provide an objective basis for comparing costs and benefits of competing proposals. A status report will be given.

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13. Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room. Also, it is proposed that a contingency meeting be reserved to address project for regional funding on Tuesday, November 23, 1999 at the same time and place as above.

13. For information, discussion and possible action.